

LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SOMERS PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD ROOM
FEBRUARY 6, 2012

PRESENT: Tiffany Daly, Mike Gotta, Lois Lindell, Dee Moak, Andy Phillips, Robin Provencher, Bob Socha, Charlotte Stopa, Shirley Warner, and Library Director Francine Aloisa.

Meeting called to order by Chairwoman Warner at 6:30 p.m.

1. Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the January 9, 2011 meeting were reviewed. Mike Gotta commented that he was not listed as present or absent at the meeting. Motion to approve minutes as corrected made by Dee Moak, seconded by Andy Phillips and passed with seven 'aye' votes. Bob Socha and Tiffany Daly abstained as they were absent from the meeting.

2. First Audience to Citizens: A. Bob Socha joined the meeting and outlined his meetings and conversations with the First Selectman, Lisa Pellegrini, as well as the Board of Selectmen in regard to their actions in disbanding the Library Building Committee prior to its ability to finalize the construction project and issue a completion report, as well as there being no effort made to resolve the remaining outstanding construction issues since that time, and that he reminded the Selectmen that the monetary appropriation had been approved by voters in regard to the library expansion project, which approval has not been complied with as the project has yet to be completed.

3. Treasurer's Report: Treasurer's report accepted as presented.

4. Correspondence:

- a. A letter was received from Kim Marcotte, Somers CFO, returning our \$23,000.00 check issued to the town in July. Discussion that this amount should be earmarked as construction funds since the building account is no longer in existence.
- b. A thank you card was received from Francie Clark.
- c. A notice was received from the probate court regarding the Estate of Joseph Mariana.

5. Financial Business:

- a. Approval of invoices. Motion to approve payment of invoices by B. Socha, seconded by M. Gotta and approved unanimously.
- b. Year-to-date budget: Reviewed and accepted as presented by F. Aloisa.

6. Committees:

- a. Budget: Discussion held regarding budget proposal for presentation to the Board of Selectmen. Motion to present the budget proposal as discussed made by R. Provencher, seconded by A. Phillips and passed unanimously.

7. Building:

a. Proposed meeting with Trane representative. S. Warner advised the Board of her meeting with First Selectman Lisa Pellegrini. There will be a meeting scheduled with a Trane representative, along with B. Socha, Lisa Pellegrini, F. Aloisa, S. Warner and possibly the Town Engineer. S. Warner also advised that discussion was held in this meeting with the First Selectman regarding the role of the Library Board of Trustees and their statutory budget management directive, ongoing heating system issues, and the letter that the Board authorized S. Warner to forward to all of the Selectmen on behalf of this Board.

8. Policy Review: No discussion held.

9. Old Business:

a. Blake Room – acoustics report. F. Aloisa reported that installation of the acoustic panels has begun and should be completed on Wednesday, February 8, 2012.

b. State Construction grant. S. Warner advised that the application by the Town for the final \$50,000.00 portion of the library grant payment has still not been made by the CFO.

10. New Business: No discussion held.

11. Director's Report: F. Aloisa reported that the trees damaged by the October storm and trees whose roots have been encroaching on the septic field have been removed by town DPW as well as additional trees and shrubs to make room for a 2nd dumpster which is being required for recyclables. The Town will seed for grass and pave turnaround at west end of building for additional dumpster and to assist in maneuvering trucks and plows. F. Aloisa also reported that the ceiling tile in the fireplace room is still leaking, and that the laminate tops of several shelving units are cracking and lifting and are being replaced at no cost by the supplier.

12. Second Audience to Citizens: None.

13. Adjournment: With no further business to be considered, Chairwoman Warner declared the meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Robin Provencher
Secretary

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